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BHARAT DARSHAN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the routes meant for the Bharat Darshan trains;

(b) the names of the stations where the facility of reservation in above trains is available;

(c) whether this reservation facility for such trains is available at Jaipur in Rajasthan;

(d) if not the reasons therefor;

(e) the state-wise number of the passengers travelled in trains during the last three years;

(f) whether it is also proposed to run similar trains from other destinations also; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Bharat Darshan Trains are operated on different routes decided from time to time by Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), the nodal agency, in consultation with Indian Railways.

(b) The booking for Bharat Darshan Train can be done through Tourism Facilitation Centres of IRCTC, Website www.railtourismindia.com and IRCTC agents.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The total number of passengers travelled during the last 3 years ending March'08, is 25,607. However, State-wise travellers data is not maintained.

(f) & (g): Yes, Sir. The itinerary of Bharat Darshan Trains is decided from time to time and keeps on changing.